has been signed between the Indian Railways and the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) for running a luxury tourist train in the Karnataka sector.

(c) Presently, the Railways run the Palace on Wheels and the Deccan Odyssey, the luxury tourist trains; the Bharat Darshan special, a tourist train for the common people; and the Fairy Queen, a heritage steam safari.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Contractual labour system in parcel handling

627. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps will be taken to replace the contractual labour system introduced in the parcel handling in many railway stations like Trivandrum Central, Ernakulam Junction, Shornur, Kozhikode and Mangalore under Southern Railways with licensed porters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether steps would be taken to revoke the suspension of twenty two licensed porters at Kozhikode Railway station in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per policy, licensed porters should not be utilized for parcel handling work at stations, as they are to handle luggage of passengers only.

(d) No action is presently possible as the matter is sub-judice.

Rail Accidents

628. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rail accidents that occurred during the last five years, year-wise and zone-wise;

(b) whether any study has been undertaken to identify the recurring causes of the train accidents;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations of such study and implementation thereof;

(d) whether modernization/upgradation of railway lines/trackings/ signal systems aimed at preventing accidents have not been carried out; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The details of consequential train accidents on Indian Railways during the last five years, year-wise and zone-wise are as under:—

Railway	Collision	Derailment	Level crossing	Fire	Miscellaneous	Total
2000-2001						
Central	2	42	6	7	1	58
Eastern	3	29	-	3	-	35
East Central	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern	6	25	31	4	-	66
North Eastern	-	23	14	-	-	37
Northeast Frontier	2	88	5	-	-	95
North Western	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southern	2	33	7	1	-	43
South Central	1	33	13	-	1	48
South Eastern	4	44	5	-	-	53
Western	-	27	2	-	-	29
Konkan	-	6	1	2	-	9
East Coast	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Western	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Central	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Central	-	-	-	-	-	-
South East Central	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	20	350	84	17	2	473
2001-2002						
Central	6	35	6	7	1	50
Eastern	8	36	1	2	-	47
East Central	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern	2	41	29	3	4	79
North Eastern	1	20	16	-	-	37

Railway	Collision	Derailment	Level crossing	Fire	Miscellaneous	Total
Northeast Frontier	1	53	3	-	1	58
North Western	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southern	2	23	10	-	-	35
South Central	3	20	10	2	1	36
South Eastern	5	36	9	-	-	50
Western	2	15	3	1	1	22
Konkan	-	1	-	-	-	1
East Coast	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Western	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Central	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Central	-	-	-	-	-	-
South East Central	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	30	280	88	9	8	415
2002-2003						
Central	1	24	2	4	1	32
Eastern	2	28	4	2	1	37
East Central	1	11	1	-	-	13
Northern	4	25	34	2	1	66
North Eastern	2	16	17	-	-	35
Northeast Frontier	2	28	5	1	2	38
North Western	-	7	1	-	1	9
Southern	-	17	8	-	1	26
South Central	2	26	13	1	-	42
South Eastern	2	25	2	1	-	30
Western	-	9	9	3	-	21
Konkan	-	2	-	-	-	2
East Coast	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Western	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Central	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Central	-	-	-	-	-	-
South East Central	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	16	218	96	14	7	351
2003-2004						
Central	2	13	-	1	1	17
Eastern	-	12	-	2	-	14
East Central	2	18	2	1	-	23
Northern	4	20	23	2	-	49
North Eastern	-	8	19	-	1	28
Northeast Frontier	-	24	6	-	-	30
North Western	-	15	5	-	-	20
Southern	-	16	6	2	-	24
South Central	-	21	6	-	1	28

Railway	Collision	Derailment	Level crossing	Fire	Miscellaneous	Total
South Eastern	-	6	-	1	-	7
Western	-	8	10	1	1	20
Konkan	-	5	-	-	-	5
East Coast	-	9	3	-	-	12
South Western	-	5	9	-	-	14
West Central	1	6	-	2	-	9
North Central	-	7	3	1	-	11
South East Central	-	9	3	1	1	14
TOTAL:	9	202	95	14	5	325
2004-2005						
Central	2	13	2	2	1	20
Eastern	2	10	2	-	-	14
East Central	-	10	6	2	-	18
Northern	5	25	15	2	-	47
North Eastern	-	5	10	-	-	15
Northeast Frontier	-	7	4	1	-	12
North Western	1	10	3	-	-	14
Southern	-	2	3	1	2	8
South Central	2	10	4	-	-	16
South Eastern	-	2	1	-	-	3
Western	-	8	7	1	-	16
Konkan	-	2	-	-	-	2
East Coast	-	12	2	-	-	14
South Western	-	3	4	-	-	7
West Central	-	3	3	1	-	7
North Central	1	6	3	-	-	10
South East Central	-	10	1	-	-	11
TOTAL:	13	138	70	10	3	234

Note: East Central Railway, & North Western Railway came in existence from October 2002 and East Coast Railway, South Western Railway, West Central Railway, North Central Railway & South East Central Railway from April 2003.

* Figures for 2004-2005 are provisional.

(b) and (c) The review and monitoring of the safety performance of Indian Railways is a continuous process. The Railway Safety Review Committee (RSRC)-1998, in its report made a total of 278 recommendations, of which 240 has been accepted/partially accepted by the Ministry of Railways. 160 of these have been already implemented upto June, 2005 and remaining are at various stages of implementation.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.